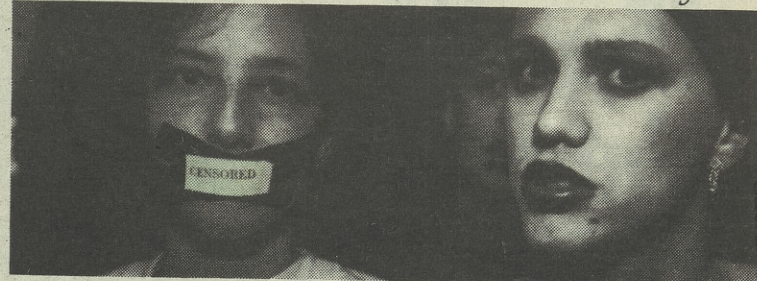


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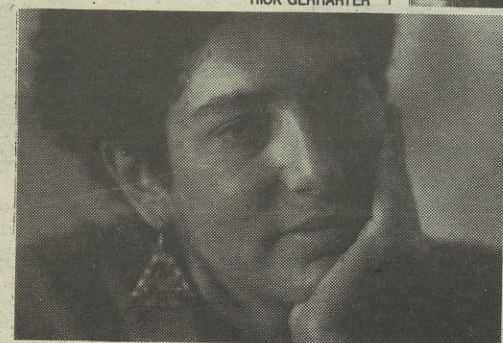
## Gays See Red -- and Gold at the Oscars

by Chris Narloch

**G**ays came to the 64th annual Academy Awards with a vengeance this year, even though much of the activity couldn't be seen by the viewing audience. They were protesting outside and winning awards inside.

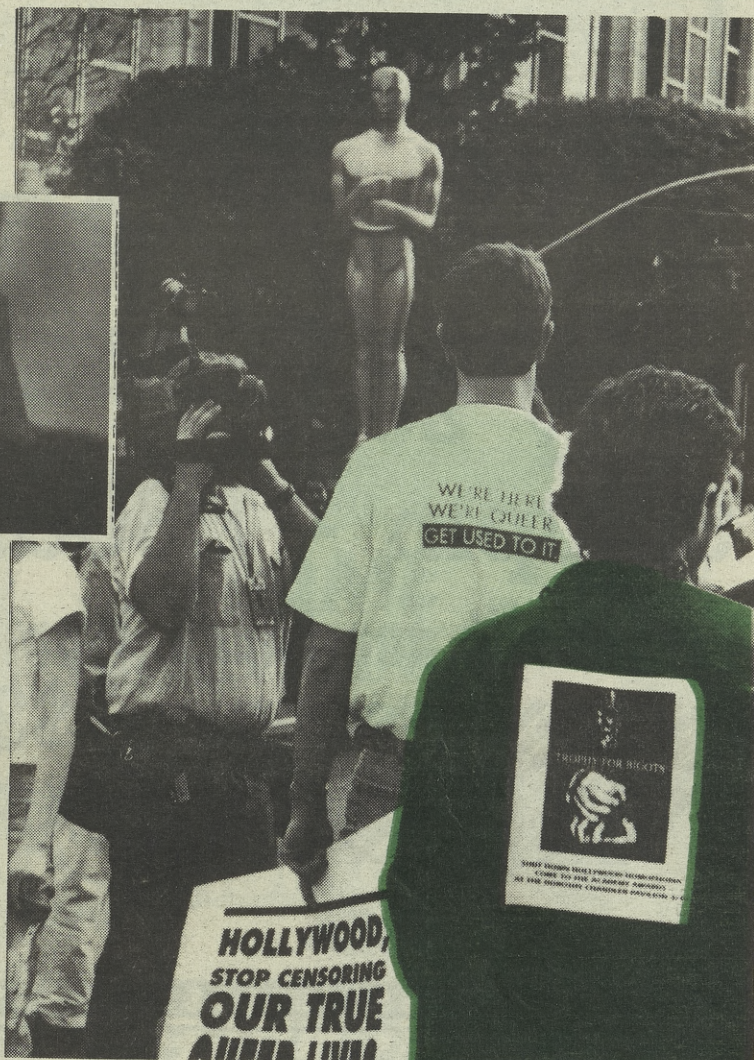
Demonstrations amounted to less than activists had hoped for but the ceremony itself was more moving for gays than expected.

Plans to disrupt the festivities at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion had been brewing for months, headed by gay groups ACT UP and QUEER NATION,



Debra Chasnoff, lesbian Academy Award winner, (above). Gay protesters outside of the Awards ceremony (right).

who came together under the banner HASH (Homos Against Stereotypes of Hollywood). Members who felt Tinseltown has done little to support



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## NEA Dumps Gay Art Funds

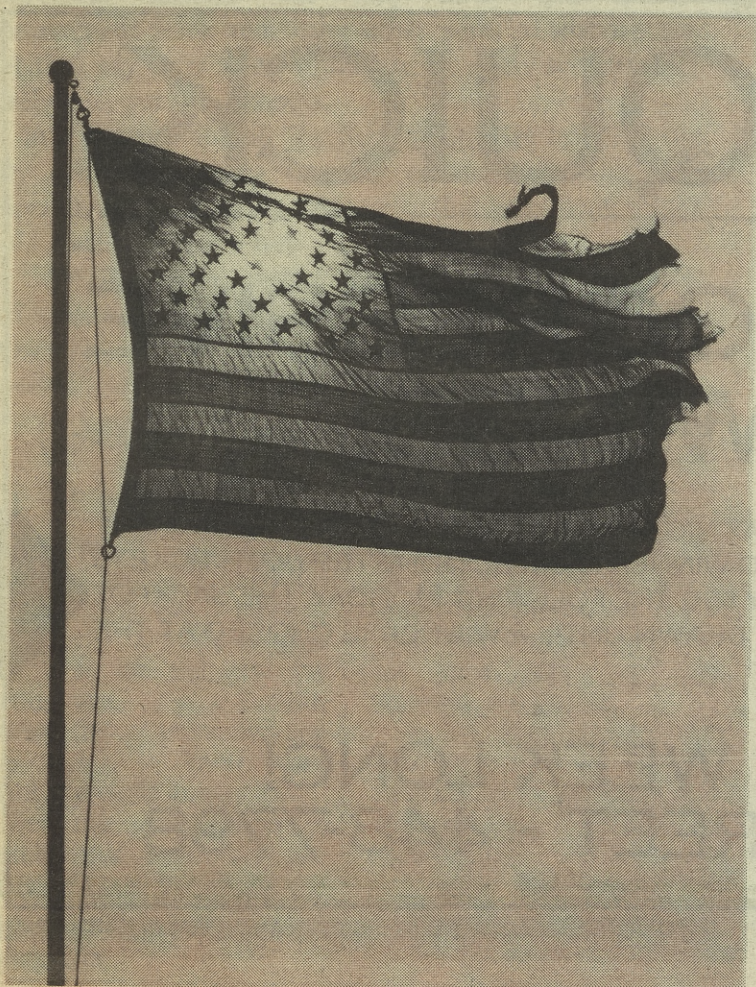
by Chris Narloch

**I**n an election year, everything is politicized -- even art. This year, the embattled National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has suffered slings from the left and arrows from the right.

In February, John Frohn-mayer, the chair, resigned from the organization amid heat from President George Bush and conservative political candidate Pat Buchanan. With Frohn-mayer's departure, gay art groups lost their most powerful ally. As a result,

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1977 photograph by the late controversial photographer, Robert Mapplethorpe.



positive gay role models in film singled out three Oscar-nominated films for attack:

\* "The Silence of the Lambs" was condemned for its depiction of a homosexual serial killer.

\* "JFK" was blasted for its fictionalized account of a gay man involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

\* "Fried Green Tomatoes" was characterized as a "de-lesbianized" film adaptation of its novel.

Gays called it a "banner year" for homophobic movies.

The protests began with an attempt to block the street leading to the Pavilion. Oscar brass, alerted to the threats, thwarted the activists by calling in 170 members of the Los Angeles Police Department, who created a shield between the auditorium and the demonstrators. The of-

ficers, in riot gear arrested at least 10 people on counts ranging from disturbing the peace to felony assault. At one point, gays utilized displays of public affection to counter what they called

**Chasnoff became the first lesbian ever to name and thank her lesbian lover.**

"damaging stereotypes" in movies such as "Basic Instinct."

On Oscar day, protesters passed out star maps with a twist -- maps with the loca-

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## Gay Families Need Rights

**R**etiring Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin already has left a legacy of gay civil rights behind her. But before she leaves, she has said she wants to add domestic partnerships to her list of accomplishments.

Despite the hoopla recently given to the idea by the mainstream media, recognizing family diversity is not a new or novel concept.

Many cities across the country offer domestic partnership registration and/or benefits to their citizens and employees. Seattle, Minneapolis, New Orleans and the District of Columbia are but a few.

If you want to get liberal, consider Denmark. Gays can now marry in that country and more than 30 cities in the Netherlands. Gays also are accorded all the rights of heterosexuals in many provinces of our neighbor, Canada.

But any legislation is a hollow gesture without economic benefits. Nearly 10 years ago, local Sacramento activist Boyce Hinman sued the state of California to get health benefits for his life-partner, Larry Beaty. Beaty had health benefits but Hinman's were better. Had they been a heterosexual couple, they would have been able to choose which plan they wanted.

At the time, Hinman calculated the costs of being a married man without any of the economic benefits that marriage usually entails. He figured he lost \$1,000 a year on health benefits alone -- if Beaty didn't get ill. That adds up to \$40,000 over a lifetime career at minimum. In retirement benefits, he lost even more. In a worst case retirement scenario -- if Hinman died before he retired and his partner were left with only his own, smaller pension -- the loss was closer to \$125,000.

Gay people, whether coupled or not, are treated as singles. As such, they are discriminated against economically. They not only lose health-care and retirement benefits but they rarely get spousal bereavement leave and many other perks of married life. Yet they pay taxes at an equal rate for many services they rarely use, such as schools.

In a recent editorial, *The Sacramento Bee* said that the city could not afford to offer economic benefits. If Sacramento were going bankrupt, that argument might hold water. But it's not.

Even if it were, justice and equality have no price. Let's pass a domestic partnership package with true meaning.

## E. German Says Hi to Local Mom

Dear Editor,

Today I read your paper for the first time and I enjoy it very much. A friend of mine sent it to me and now I'm writing you. I'm a German student (20) of economics and ever trying to know more about the world around me.

But the main reason of writing this letter are the words of Linda Ferguson, the

"straight" mom. I read her letter twice to understand every word. Her dream is the same as mine (and I hope a lot of other people). In real life I see that it is still a dream and it even will stay a wonderful dream. But men are living until they stop dreaming and hoping.

In too many countries the rejection is too big and the religions are so intolerant that homosexuality remains a 'dirty' thing.

I hope that someday in

future times all people are equal, unimportant the skin color, the religion, the sexuality or the knowledge. And I hope that governments not only speak but do more for the states and people living in them. But hope is not enough. Let's work together and go hand-in-hand to "make the world a better place for you and for me and the entire human race."

So I leave you with best wishes from (East) Germany. Stephan

## Raley's Supports Local Fascists

Dear Editor,

I recently read an article from the Bay Area Reporter entitled *Church Leaders Getting Out the Christian Vote* which noted the involvement of Charles Collings, president of Raley's Corporation; a Sacramento based supermarket with stores around the area.

As for myself, there are plenty of places to shop for food other than Raley's.

Sincerely,  
Kevin W. Wadsworth

## What's in a Label?

Dear Editor,

I'm a "straight" man who has lost two of the most wonderful friends that I have ever had to AIDS in the last two years. Yes, they were gay!

I will no longer accept the words gay, straight or lesbian to describe myself or anyone else. Now I find that I have two "straight" friends who are HIV+ one a woman, one a man.

Why can't people see that we are all equal parts to a greater whole?

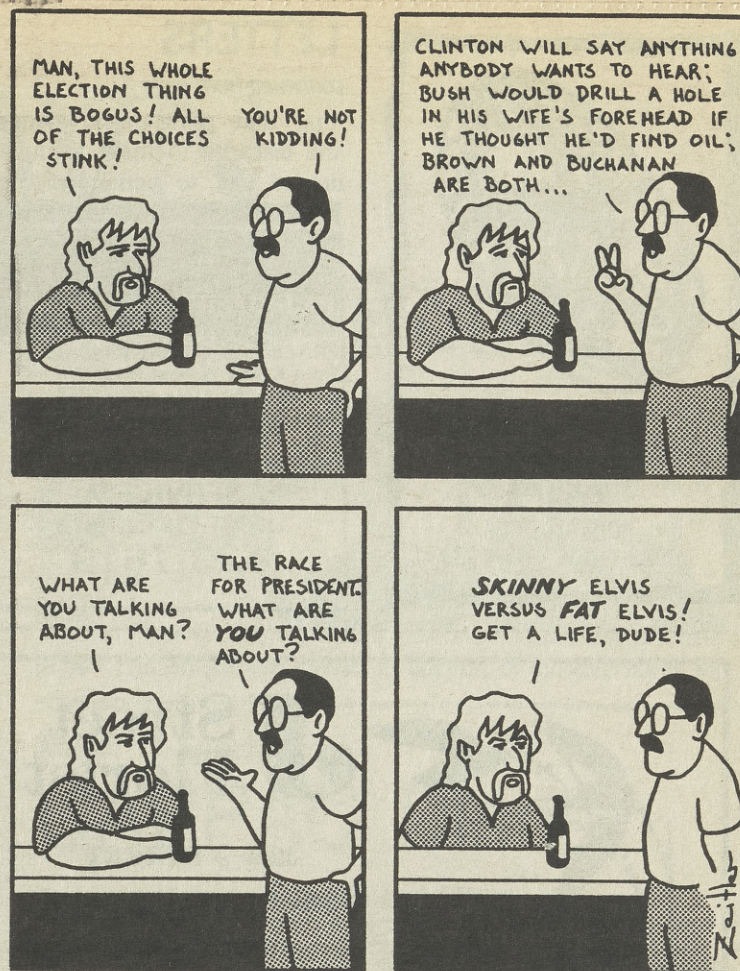
Thanks for letting me "sound off!"  
Tim F.

## Women's Support Acknowledged

Dear Editor,

On Thursday March 12, I was fortunate enough to experience the first of a three-part event: Heart Strings. It was an emotion-packed eve-

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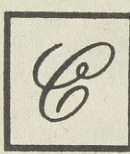
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fight against AIDS.

As the lights came up between acts, I noticed how many women there were in the audience. In the last three years I have attended various fund-raisers and AIDS-related events and without exception, there are always a large number of women in attendance.

AIDS is clearly a disease that we all need to be involved in fighting as it is unfortunately finding its way into each of our lives. None-the-less, it is the men of our community that have been decimated by the AIDS virus.

We sometimes forget to acknowledge the tremendous amount of money, time and compassion the women of our community have given.

Sisters, your presence in this fight is crucial and we thank you for the gifts of love you have shown the brothers of our community.

Anonymous

## Man Opposed to Straight Bashing

Dear Editor,

At the risk of appearing "indecisive," I should like to applaud and criticize aspects of the mid-March "latest ISSUE." First, I continue to be impressed with the growth of your paper, especially in style and presentation. I daresay you'll soon give the Sacramento News and Review a run for their money (if only Amanda would discover there's more than one gay publication in town)! Bravo!

That said, I am appalled at the recent "straight-bashing" which has surfaced. I refer to the letter writer who felt that leather contests ought to be for gays and lesbians only. The leather and S/M community has never been the exclusive province of gays and lesbians, nor need it become so.

By extension, the River City Democratic Club ought to

## DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is May 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by May 5th.

## LETTERS!

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purge straights from it's membership and CGNIE ought to prohibit TV and TS activists from holding titles. Are we really so fragile a community that we cannot tolerate the support and involvement of "heteros?" Are we really so petty that we would perpetrate the same oppressive acts that the David Dukes of the world affirm in order to maintain our "cultural purity?" The answer ought to be obvious.

Sincerely,  
Martin D. Casey

## Support for Straight Winner!

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter written by an individual who protested the winner of a local leather event, because the winner was a straight female.

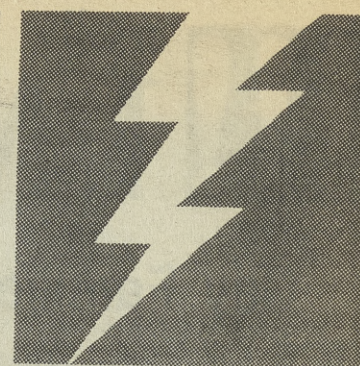
First of all, the title is Ms. Leather Sacramento Valley. I believe Ms. Byram (who is the female in question) qualifies as a female. She is also a member of the SLA (Sacramento Leather Association) and she lives in the Sacramento Valley. She is also a supporter of gay rights and vows to help organizations that support the gay community. I don't see a problem so far.

Secondly, the judges obviously liked what they saw and awarded her the title on her merit. I am of African-American descent and I'm gay and it would sadden me if I couldn't win something like a seat on the Senate because I'm not white, upper middle class and straight!

I do believe the gay community should preserve their culture and help establish "their own," but total separatism is not the answer. Just as we want acceptance in the heterosexual world, isn't it reverse discrimination if we don't let our "straight" friends into our community?

I know "we" have been wronged but lashing out is not the answer. Two wrongs don't make a right. I am proud of Carolina Byram and celebrate her win, just as I do Vanessa Williams, Suzette Charles and Debbie Turner, all former Miss America's who happen to be black.

James Lott, Jr.



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# AROUND TOWN

## Lesbian Cop Sues Sacramento Police

**A** lesbian policewoman has sued the Sacramento Police Department. Shawn Hansen on April 2 filed charges against the local police force alleging harassment and anti-gay discrimination.

"I was a good police officer who was not allowed to do my job because of my sexual orientation," said Hansen, who was with the force six years. "I entered the Sacramento Police Department with the desire that this be my life profession. Ever since then, I

have been subjected to harassment and discrimination because I am a lesbian and refuse to hide it."

According to Hansen, she was subjected to childish pranks such as having her locker covered with anti-gay epithets, having vaseline put

on the door-handle of her car and having anti-gay notes put in her lunch box.

Hansen hopes that the lawsuit will force the police department to abide by the Sacramento anti-discrimination ordinance. "The City of Sacramento must stand up to its non-discrimination ordinance," said Hansen.

"Discrimination against Shawn Hansen or anybody else on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender is illegal," said Michael Adams,

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Shawn Hansen (center) speaks in support of the civil rights bill.

## Mayor to Speak at CAPPAC Dinner

by Michael Stokes

**C** APPAC's, (Capitol Political Action Committee), biggest event of the year will feature an even bigger speaker -- retiring Mayor Anne Rudin. A friend of the gay community, Mayor Rudin's swan song will be the highlight of the evening.

"The Mayor will give a very upbeat, humorous speech that will be her swan song as she leaves her role as Mayor of Sacramento. It will be the emotional highpoint of the dinner," said Dennis Mangers

coordinator of the dinner program committee.

Guests also can look forward to Sacramento Stories, a dramatic play that captures the personal experiences of life

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## Mayor Wants Partnership Ordinance

by Miles Kerley

**M**ayor Anne Rudin recently announced that she will introduce an ordinance in Sacramento that would recognize domestic partners of unmarried couples, including gays and lesbians.

The ordinance, which still is in the formative stages, probably will consist of two stages:

\* The ability of household members as well as domestic partners to register as a family unit within the city.

\* If approved, city employees would then be able to claim

their household members on health benefit plans. After the ordinance has been drafted, it must go to the Sacramento City Council to determine what other benefits will be included. Currently, Oakland City Council is considering a



Mayor Anne Rudin.

similar measure.

Several cities -- West

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# PFLAG Celebrates 10 Years With Dinner

by Robert Stacey

**T**he Sacramento chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will celebrate their tenth anniversary on Wednesday, April 29 with a dinner at A Shot of Class restaurant.

Although PFLAG doesn't expect to fill the restaurant, the group's 10 years still are an important milestone. PFLAG has posters around town and at gay businesses in hopes of attracting more interest in the celebration.

"We've put up posters at FACES and the Lambda Center to let people know about the dinner," said Alice Thompson, a board member.

For the parents of gay men and lesbians, PFLAG provides much needed services. While most gay people have had

time to adjust to their sexual orientation, the disclosure sometimes is shocking to parents and family members. They often need time and support to adjust to this new information.

"Recognizing that it isn't a choice is the biggest stumbling block a lot of parents have," said Alice Thompson, who runs the Sacramento PFLAG hotline and maintains the library. PFLAG publishes pamphlets to help parents with gay sons and daughters navigate the coming out pro-

cess. "Coming Out to Your Parents" provides guidelines for individuals who are considering sharing information with their parents. "Why is My Child Gay?" and "Can We Understand?" are available for parents to help them deal with the sexual orientation of

their children. Brochures, such as "About Our Children" are printed in Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish.

PFLAG is not a political organization but members are encouraged to express their political views as individuals.

"We've testified for AB 101,

spoken at Tim Leslie's Traditional Family Values hearings, marched in the San Francisco parade every year, but we do it in the name of each parent, not as a part of the organization," said Thompson.

But PFLAG is not limited

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## Gays Hoping to Stop Sex Bill

**G**ays across California are hoping that San Francisco Assemblymember John Burton will be able to use his muscle to stop the bill which could make sex a crime for anyone who knows they are HIV+.

Although the bill got through the Senate with little fanfare, critics are hoping that Burton, who is chair of the Assembly's Public Safety Committee, will be able to kill the bill there.

ornia Nurses Association as well as the American Civil

Liberties Union have come out against it.

"The bill would discourage individuals from being tested to learn their HIV status since the information could be used against them in criminal proceedings," said Beth Capell, Legislative Advocate for the CNA.

## Bill to Add Drugs to Medi-Cal

**A** bill has been introduced in the state Assembly which would make drugs approved by the FDA for AIDS and cancer available to people on Medi-Cal.

Although some AIDS drugs already are available through Medi-Cal, the state Department of Health Services makes the final decision on which drugs to add. According to Richard

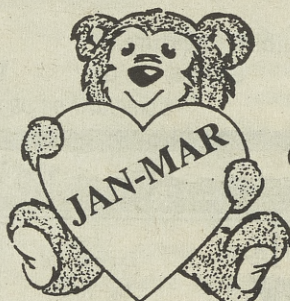
Katz, author of the bill, the DHS is not making full use of the drugs approved.

"Unfortunately, DHS very narrowly interprets the use of these drugs," said Katz in a press release. "This interpretation restricts access to treatment for thousands of terminally ill AIDS and cancer patients."

Katz's bill, AB 2556, would put all FDA-approved drugs into immediate use.

## Kill the bill.

Since knowing one's HIV status would make people liable for transmission of the HIV virus, whether they used safe sex or not, gays are not the only ones opposed to the Draconian measure. The Calif-



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# MCC Opens Thrift Shop: Donations Needed

**M**etropolitan Community Church recently opened a thrift shop on the first floor of the building they own.

Called "Out of the Closet," church officials are hoping that the second-hand store which carries the usual array

of goods will help bring in much needed funds for their programs. "We opened the thrift shop to help support our programs," said Madeline Reed, administrative assistant.

The church's meal program, which started as a simple Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner this past year, now is a daily activity. A breakfast of donuts and coffee, started by associate pastor Ed Sherriff, as well as hot lunches are now being served to some

200 people on weekdays.

"Our program has grown by leaps and bounds," said Reed. "We started with a pot of stew or beans. Now we're getting hundreds and hundreds of people."

Reed said that many people who are going hungry are families -- women and children whose money can't see them through the month. "We do the most feeding at the end of

the month when everyone's broke. We're feeding a lot of children," said Reed.

The church also participates in the Loaves and Fishes project, a local meal program that relies on one church a month to supply a meal. Reed said that MCC is proud to have supplied nutritious and exciting meals to the program.

"We give them a really good meal; we've had shrimp, steak,

roast beef and salmon -- food these people haven't seen in a long time," said Reed.

More than 1,000 people usually are fed at the Loaves and Fishes each day.

MCC is accepting furniture, clothes, toys and other items for the thrift store. It also needs volunteers for pick-up and delivery as well as daily meals. For more information call 386-2900.

## Whole Earth Festival

by Dave Rolke

**T**here's something for everyone at the upcoming Whole Earth Festival to be held on the U.C. Davis quad May 8, 9 & 10. Now in its 23rd year, the annual festival is a vibrant, colorful flea market for the mind and senses.

There's a 1960's tie-dyed atmosphere combined with hundreds of booths featuring information on every 1990's cause under the sun. There are also crafts booths and food. Don't miss the Hare Krishna mobile food stand for an unforgettably unique meal.

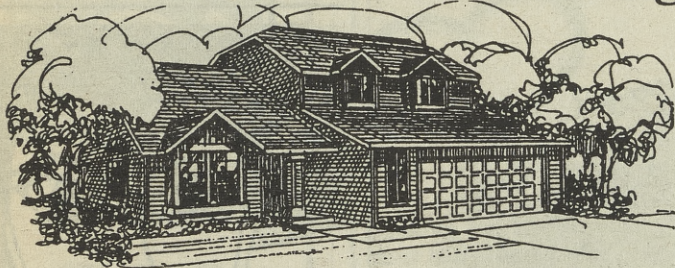
Speakers, music and workshops also run continuously. This year there will be a series of workshops on gender is-

sues, a talk by Judy Barry of Earth First and a by radical attorney David Dellinger, a former member of the Chicago Seven.

Saturday's musical acts include Mumbo Gumbo, Clan Dyken and Dr. Loco. Sunday's events will be hosted by Wavy Gravy, who did the honors at Woodstock.

The festival runs from 9 a.m. till sunset. Admission is free.

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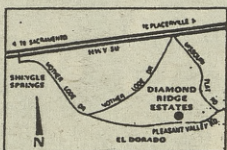


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# Project 10 Founder Speaks on Youth

by Mike Kelly

**G**ay high school students' strongest advocate, Virginia Uribe, spoke about the needs of this "invisible" 10 percent during her recent talk in Sacramento.

"I started a quiet little support group," said Uribe of her brainchild, Project 10. The eight year-old program for students at risk of dropping out, suicide and substance abuse started "once a week" at Fairfax High School in 1984 with many "very smart kids who were just not performing at level." According to Uribe, their experiences with "alienation and stigmatization" in high school "interfered with their ability to learn." They had no support groups and were denied help by administrators, counselors and teach-

ers alike.

Project 10 first aimed at on-campus counseling to keep that invisible population "in school, off drugs and sexually responsible." But even counseling kids about the risks, the sexual myths, the stereotypes, the strategies, resources and family dynamics was not enough. This grandmotherly-looking founder also began on-going workshops to sensitize her staff to their own prejudices. When her work with the Los Angeles school district led to a 1985 headline banner by the right-wing

Traditional Values Coalition saying that L.A. schools were conducting "sodomy classes," this turned the self-proclaimed "little ol' lady from Pasadena" into a militant.

With unmistakable foresight, she garnered the blessings of the Board of Education before she embarked on her counseling crusade and

been giving two-day workshops in her district to deal with homophobic attitudes, "peeling away the layers of the onion," largely through role-playing. It is imperative that teachers deal not only with homosexuality in a respectful way but also be sure they deal with it. "If the subject never comes up in the classroom,

or on-the-job retaliation. But for gay teachers, she still said, "the closet is the worst, most killing place to be."

"As educators, teachers must be responsible to ALL kids," she declared. The number one priority, she added, should be for the safety of kids, emotional safety from teachers who still use terms like "fag" and "queer," teachers who tell jokes about AIDS and make homophobic statements, or teachers who tell gay kids they are "sick" or "perverted."

Uribe insists that parents and friends have a responsibility to combat homophobia, whether it surfaces at school, home or on the street. She points out that resistance to reform can take two methods -- either attack or indifference and lack of support. Getting support of local, state and national bodies has made Project 10 a successful and expanding effort, but Uribe still preaches "clearing our minds of negative attitudes" in order to keep them open.

Pointing to a number of positive accomplishments recently gained in the education field, Uribe mentioned

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## Parents and friends have a responsibility to combat homophobia.

when the attacks came, she had the country's second largest school district behind her. Today, she still recommends that gay advocates get board approval before any plan of action, whenever possible.

Since Uribe began, she has

that teacher is hiding it," she urges, "since it is always in the media one way or another."

But job protection also is important. Although Uribe had hers assured, she warns others of the threat of firing

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## Queers to Hit Easter Service

**T**he Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc., in conjunction with Queer Nation Sacramento, are preparing a statewide Queer Army Action on Easter Sunday, April 19 to be held at the Capital Christian Center, Sacramento at 8 a.m.

The Capital Christian Center is the largest fundamentalist church in Northern California and according to the Sisters, the church leadership and members have been actively stripping civil rights from women, gays and lesbians, people with AIDS, and other minority groups.

Call 863-2518 x3030 for details. The church is located at Hwy 50 and Bradshaw Rd.

## Lambda Letters Holding Auction

**L**ambda Letters Project (LLP) is planning their annual auction to raise funds for the Project. At last year's auction more than \$2,000 was raised. This helped deliver over 9,000 letters to politicians, local public officials and others. S.F. comic Danny Williams and Sacramento celebrity Marcie Virago will be the auctioneers this year.

This year's auction will be held at the Town House Restaurant, 1517 21st Street, on Sunday May 3rd, at 3 p.m.

LLP is looking to businesses in the community and individuals who would like to help. For info call 965-6851.



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## Seder Celebrates Passover Rite

**S**acramento New Jewish Agenda will host its 7th annual "Freedom Seder" on Saturday, April 18, the second night of Passover.

The Freedom Seder, which commemorates the Jewish people's liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt as well as more modern struggles for freedom around the world, is open to all members of the Sacramento community.

New Jewish Agenda is a nationwide organization of progressive Jews who are committed to the values of social justice and equality for all -- men and women, gay and straight, Israelis and Palestinians. In past years, Sacramento NJA Seders have drawn up to 150 participants.

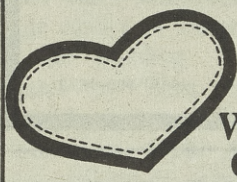
The 1992 Freedom Seder will be held at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. in Sacramento, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for NJA members, \$12 for non-members and \$3 for children. All participants should bring a non-meat, unleavened main dish for 10 to 12 people, plus wine or another beverage for their own group.

For reservations call 448-4574.

## School Board Adds Gay Clause

**T**he Center Unified School District Board of Trustees on March 11 added a sexual orientation



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clause to their discrimination policy.

Marcie Virago, a teacher at McClellan High School, said that although two members of the five-member board opposed it, having three votes was enough for passage.

"It went very smoothly," said Virago. "It didn't turn into World War III and get defeated as it could have."

Six teachers spoke on behalf of the anti-discrimination idea.

## Dance to BMX "Jamm '92"

**T**he local Sacramento Chapter of BMX will host their own "BMX Style" dance "Jamm '92" on Sat., April 18. The dance will be held in the Camellia Room, 28th and L Streets, behind Sutter Hospital. Music will be provided by "Music by Joey!"

"All of the BMX dances and community events are open and the entire gay community is welcome to attend!" said Lonnie Jones, Administrative Secretary for the Sacramento Chapter of BMX.

BMX's April "Jamm '92" may just turn out to be one of the social events of the year. If you are in the area, drop in and check it out.

The dance begins at 9 p.m. and runs until 2 a.m. There will be a \$5 cover charge for the evening festivities, part of



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## BANG Gang Plans Swap

**S**acramento's newest gay organization has hit the scene with a splash -- or a bang you might say.

The Business Alliance of Networking Gays (BANG) was organized last year to provide an opportunity for members to promote their own businesses while meeting other gay and lesbian business people.

According to Sara Myers, BANG chairperson, "We are striving to be inclusive in our membership. Gay or lesbian business-owners, straight employees of gay businesses, gay

employees of straight businesses, or anyone working for a gay supportive business is welcome."

BANG is holding a get acquainted meeting Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Andiamo, a restaurant located at 3145 Folsom Blvd. Interested business people are invited to attend. Information about the group and its upcoming events will be available.

## Candidate to Speak at RCDC

**B**arbara Boxer, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, is slated to appear at the River City Democratic Club's endorsement meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St.



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## NEA

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gays are no longer acceptable recipients of many federal art funds.

The NEA, created by President Johnson in the mid-60's, went quietly along, increasing funding for the arts and avoiding controversy until 1980 when President Reagan attempted to kill the program. In the late 1980's Jesse Helms -- conservative Senator from North Carolina -- tried to ruin the endowment, fueled by conservative hysteria over funding for an exhibit of Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs. During this time John Frohnmayer took over as leader of the NEA, a decidedly unenviable position.

Frohnmayer walked on eggshells throughout his appointment. Early this year, he became a casualty of election-year dirty politics. He was forced to resign, insiders say, because Bush's opponent in the primary for Republican nominee, Pat Buchanan, made an issue of Bush's support for the NEA while campaigning in the South.

Frohnmayer, considered an ally by many in the artistic community, defended his record with the NEA in statements after his departure. "The endowment has never funded anything found obscene by any court in this

land," he said. Frohnmayer also assailed the radical right, who would eliminate all funding for art not appealing to their definition of "traditional" values.

"The arts are and can be that societal glue that links us together," said Frohnmayer. "They tell us who we are and allow us a breadth of vision so we can see who others are as well."

## 1% of grants

The immediate fall-out for gay groups needing money for their vision is that groups such as San Francisco based Frameline, a gay film and distribution company, had its NEA grant put on hold. Frameline, which premiered the highly successful "Paris Is Burning," produces the annual S.F. International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. It is the oldest and largest of its kind in the world and has received NEA funding for several years.

Insiders say the White House wants to put an end to controversial grants such as Frameline's during Bush's campaign for re-election. "The delay in the usual NEA procedure is a financial low-blow for us," said Tom DiMaria, Frameline Executive Director.

DiMaria described the NEA



as running scared from such church-based conservatives as minister Pat Robertson and the California-based Traditional Values Coalition (TVC). He detailed attacks by California's Republican Congressmen Robert Dornan and William Dannemeyer who, according to DiMaria, made erroneous statements about the festival on the House Floor this past

October. "They used films we have never shown, films that never existed, to condemn us. It was blatant lying."

As with other gay arts groups, the NEA has kept Frameline on the hot-seat, first denying their grant, then sending representatives from the endowment to investigate procedures at the S.F. outfit.

In May they will have the

final, irrevocable decision on their future with the NEA.

"It doesn't look good," said DiMaria, concerning his group's reinstatement. "The NEA doesn't beat around the bush anymore. They came right out and told us, 'You're a political liability.'" "They're worried Congress will take away their mandate because many conservatives have called for the endowment to be disbanded."

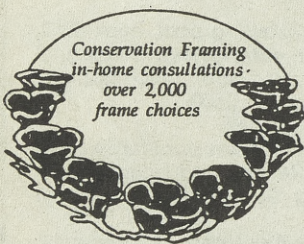
Those same conservatives, who use words like "perverted" and "homosexual" to demean the artistic contributions of the gay community, insist taxpayers should not be expected to foot the bill for art they consider "offensive." Gay artists maintain that's unAmerican.

"The Constitution accords equal access, and if the federal government is in the business of funding art, they should not exclude anyone," said DiMaria. "It's patently discriminatory to leave gays out. They pay 10 percent of the NEA's budget through taxes, and receive only one percent of NEA grants." That figure may even be lower by now.

Whether the NEA will continue to exist at all, and if it does, whether it will be required to exclude controversial endowments in order to save its hide is the question. Insiders say the organization's artistic judgment will become more conservative as a necessity, if only to avoid giving more ammunition to the vocal far-right.

Until that question is settled, the people at Frameline will continue to struggle to fill a \$10,000 hole in an already-strapped budget. They currently are looking to bolster funding through such alternative means as business and private-foundation grants. Despite the uncertainty, their biggest film festival to date will take place this June as scheduled. "Despite these obstacles, we're still committed to producing a quality event for the lesbian and gay community," said DiMaria.

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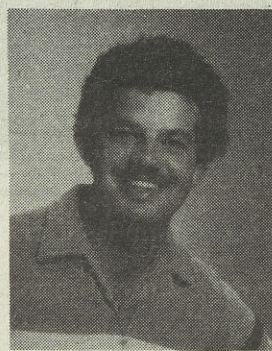
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Mention of violence

## Threatens Women's Weekend

After surviving a fire, the annual Women's Weekend at the Russian River now is threatened by violence.

In the past month, a series of letters discussing the pos-

sible sale of Fifes -- a gay owned resort -- to non-gay owners led to the mention of violence against lesbians during the May 1 to 3 weekend.

Fifes downplayed the threat though the general manager said the sheriff was aware of the problem.

"There are always macho guys who have too much to drink saying that they're going to beat up gays and lesbians,"

said Eric Pariser of Fifes. "But this time, a letter in the Russian River News mentioned it. I don't think there's a real threat of violence in Guerneville."

The women's festival this year also celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a Saturday concert featuring June and Jean Millington. On Sunday, Barbara Higbie and Theresa Trull fill the concert bill.



A protester is arrested outside of the Oscars.

## OSCARS

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tions of Hollywood residents suspected of being gay. Actors were questioned about the ruckus as they got out of their limos. A not-so-perky Sally Field described the activists as "strident" and said, "I don't think this type of behavior does anybody any good." Comedienne Whoopi Goldberg came to the defense, saying, "Sometimes you have to rattle a few cages to create change in Hollywood."

Among the incidents television coverage didn't show were protesters chanting, "Shame, Shame, Shame" and "Burn, Hollywood, Burn" before the arrests. Gays also carried signs reading "My Own Private Idaho - Robbed!" and "Fried Green Tomatoes - Butchered!" Not surprisingly, since the activists had announced their plans in advance, homophobes descended on the Pavilion to protest the protesters. Carrying signs

such as "Homo Sex Is Sin" and shouting "Jesus Loves You," the few were far outnumbered by gays.

Gays definitely did rattle cages on Oscar night, jeering some stars and defacing the huge replica of Oscar in front of the building. Although threats to "shut down the Oscars" never materialized, the protests no doubt had some stars shaking in their designer shoes. Billy Crystal opened the show with the quip, "Welcome to the Oscars, or as it's known tonight 'Cape Fear.'"

Once the show began, it was business as usual. Most presenters paid lip service to "AIDS Awareness" with ubiquitous red ribbons pinned to their clothes. Despite tight security, the live nature of the broadcast did allow Richard Gere to allude to gay concerns.

The evening's most moving moments were provided by the acceptance speeches of two gay people: Debra Chasnoff, winning for the docu-

mentary short "Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment" and Bill Lauck accepting for best song "Beauty and the Beast." Chasnoff became the first lesbian ever to name and thank her lesbian lover -- Kim Klausner -- on the Oscars while Lauck was the first person to accept an award on behalf of someone who had died of AIDS.

During his speech, Lauck said how pleased his lover, the late Howard Ashman, would have been at winning an Oscar for the score of "Beauty and the Beast." It must have come as quite a revelation to many of the billion viewers worldwide to learn that a gay man had contributed to one of the most cherished family films ever made -- and a Disney film to boot.

When the evening was over, the protesters had made their point and gays had come out publicly while walking away with well-deserved Oscars.

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## Living With HIV Means A Daily Challenge

by Carlos Melendez

**W**e have seen the projected numbers and have been witness to an unrelenting attack by a killer virus that has cut short the lives of thousands of gay men, and in lesser numbers, members of every community group, many in the prime of their productive life.

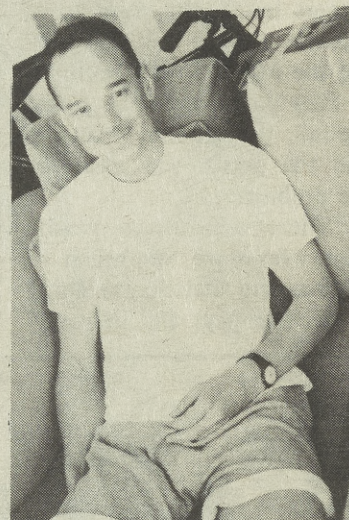
During the past 11 years, thousands more people learned

that they had become HIV infected. All too often, the individual person and his or her unique qualities become lost in the grim numbers of the epidemic.

Learning to live with HIV is a constant challenge propelled by the prospects of a cure and the chance to live a normal life span. Kevin Malakie, a 28 year old gay man, who recently moved to San Francisco after having been born and raised in the Sacramento area, is learning to live with HIV.

"I was in denial about my HIV infection until I became sick," said Malakie. It was a difficult issue for him to come to terms with at first, and rather than face coping with an HIV positive test result, he decided to not deal with the news on a conscious level. "I figure that I have probably been positive for about eight years, but because of my own denial, had really only begun coping with my HIV status this past year."

Eventually the young man endured an attack of shingles, a herpes zoster, which attacked the muscle mass in his legs, leaving scarred skin behind as a constant reminder. "I could no longer deny my HIV status, and sought the support of my family and friends as I became too sick to keep the two jobs I had," said Malakie. Eventually he quit his waiter position at an upscale restaurant and lost his daytime position as a salesperson at the chic Nordstrom's department store.



Kevin Malakie.

Malakie reflected on the HIV care he received while living in midtown Sacramento. "I received very good care at CARES and my nurse practitioner, Mark Chigileri, was great!" he added. Eventually Malakie moved to San Francisco to tap the local HIV services and support. "I have been able to get acyclovir which helps control my shingles, free of charge here, and I wasn't able to do that, or afford to buy the drug in Sacramento. For that reason alone, I'm glad I made the move to San Francisco," said Malakie.

Because of his medical

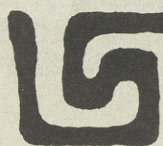
condition, Malakie has had to seek out medical care in San Francisco without health insurance and limited financial resources. "I had a difficult time finding emergency medical care in San Francisco," stated the young man. After finally arranging a doctor's appointment at San Francisco General Hospital, Malakie found himself waiting up to eight hours at the hospital pharmacy for his prescriptions to be filled.

"I am a stronger person now and have decided that I really want to live my life to the fullest, in spite of my HIV infection," said Malakie. He stated that he views his HIV status as a hindrance rather than a death sentence. "After getting all the help I have from the San Francisco community, I decided to become a volunteer and give of my time to help others," he added.

Malakie has come to realize that you can't be afraid of AIDS all the time, and can reach out with strength and hope to others as they learn to cope with HIV. "Mortality is a great motivator," is a quote Malakie remembers from an issue of "Disease Pariah News," a San Francisco HIV newsletter. "Denial and fear can be killers when you're dealing with HIV," said Malakie. "I agreed to do this article because I wanted to tell people that you can truly enjoy your time and life by learning to live with HIV. I know first hand that life definitely goes on."

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**J**ennifer Saunders, an 18 year old from South Yorkshire, a predominantly working-class and industrial region of England about 200 miles from London was accused of using a strap-on dildo to make love to two different women on separate occasions while they believed she was a man.

Judge Jonathan Crabtree sentenced Saunders for indecent assault on Rebecca Andrews and Helen Edwardes, both age 17.

Saunders was accused of spinning an elaborate story to conceal that she was a woman, keeping her hair cropped and wearing baggy clothes. When she made love she was always fully dressed.

Saunders could be found guilty of indecent assault even though both relationships were consensual because, legally, the deception invalidates the consent.

In her defense, Saunders denied having sexual contact with the women but she also asserted that both knew she was a woman. She alleged that Edwardes fabricated her story to settle a grudge. On the other hand, she claims Andrews asked her to pretend she was a boy to conceal their close friendship from her parents.

*Outlines*

## Court Gives Son Two Mothers

**I**n New York, Evan became the first child in New York with two legal mothers, thanks to a judge in Manhattan.

Judge Eve Preminger ruled that a lesbian could adopt the 6-year old biological son of her lover, a decision that gives the boy two legal mothers.

The ruling, said by the judge to be the first of its kind in the state, provides him with legal rights and economic security he would not otherwise have. These include benefits from the jobs of both mothers.

The boy was fathered by a male friend of both women through artificial insemination.

*The Weekly News*

## Texas Sodomy Law Thrown Out

**T**he third Court of Appeals ruled that Texas' anti-sodomy law is unconstitutional.

The decision upheld a 1990 ruling by State District Judge Paul Davis of Austin which struck down the little-used law that has been widely criticized by Texas gay groups in recent

years.

The challengers had argued that the law made criminals out of law-abiding citizens because of their consenting relations behind closed doors.

Chief Justice Jimmy Carroll said, "The state has not demonstrated how criminalizing sexual behavior between consenting adults in private advances or protects public morality."

## Town Testing Discrimination

**T**he Palm Beach County Fair Housing Board will send out "testers" to determine if gay men and lesbians are discriminated against in housing purchases and rentals.

Testers would subtly indicate to owners that they are gay or lesbian couples. If

turned down, a man and a woman would return as a couple and express similar interest in the same property. If the "straight" couple were treated differently, the owners could be prosecuted for anti-gay discrimination under county law.

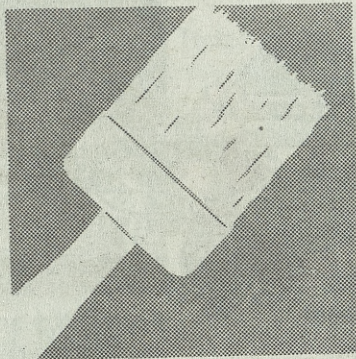
This is the first time testers will be used to examine anti-gay bias.

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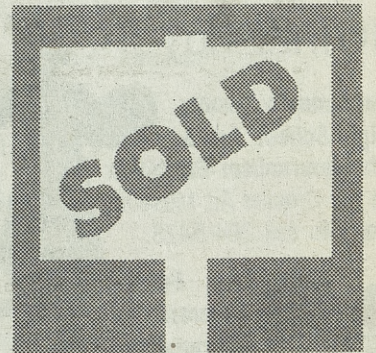


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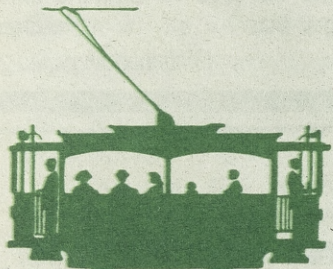
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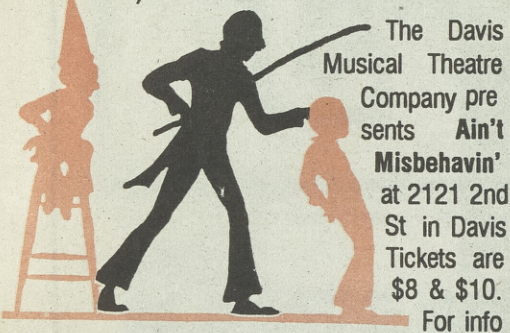
15 wednesday



**Bus Stop**, a comedy by William Inge at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, Wednesday through Sunday Evenings, Dinner at 6 p.m. Performance at 8 p.m. For reservations call 985-6361.

**Mousetrap**, the popular play by Agatha Christie at the Chautauqua Playhouse in Carmichael. For showtimes and tickets 489-7529.

**Laugh For Life III** at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint 16th St. at Market in San Francisco. 8p.m., \$12-\$15. A benefit for Project Inform. For info call 415) 861-7933.



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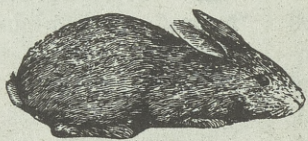
16 thursday

**Sacramento County High School Art & Photojournalism Exhibition** at the Crocker Art Museum. For info call 264-5423.

**Twin Spirit Veterans of Sacramento**, meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of River City MCC, 34th & Broadway. For info call 446-6405.



# April



17 friday

World Premiere of **At The Still Point**, a new play by Jordan Roberts on the McClatchy Mainstage of the Sacramento Theatre Company. For tickets and show times call 443-6722. **Apr. 17 - May 10**

18 saturday

**The Amazing Egg Hunt** at Roaring Camp in Felton, sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Visitors Center. For info call 408) 335-4484.

**Vote for Emperor and Empress** of CGNIE. Lambda Community Center porch between the hours of 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Karen Ripley and Over Our Heads**, presented by SACWN. At the Holiday Inn, 7 p.m. networking, 8 p.m. show. For tickets call 486-8985.

19 sunday

**Happy Easter!**

**"Resurrection"** a free community chamber concert celebrating spring and Easter at Neptune Society Columbarium in San Francisco. For info call 415) 221-1838.



20 monday



**Looney Tunes Hall of Fame** at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street Mall. For show times and ticket info call 442-7378.

21 tuesday

**"Andre's Mother"** an American Playhouse story about a gay man, his mother and his partner will be shown at the monthly meeting of P-FLAG at 7 p.m. in the Christian Ed. Bldg. of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. For info call 665-1050.



**Pretty, Witty and Gay** by Marga Gomez at Josies Cabaret & Juice Joint, 16th St. at Market in San Francisco. 8 p.m., tickets \$10. call 415) 861-7933. **Apr. 21 - 26**

22 wednesday



**"Once on This Island"** the critically acclaimed musical at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco, 8 p.m. For info call 415) 956-4781.

**Apr. 22 - May 17**

23 thursday

Dale Scholl Dance/Art concludes its 10th Anniversary season with **"Rep & More"** at the 24th Street Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - \$10. Call 483-4017 for reservations. **Apr. 23 - 25**



**C.G.N.I.E.** The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, hosts their annual Coronation events and shows in the area. For info and an events schedule call 444-0108. **Apr. 23 - 25**

24 friday



**5th Monterey Bay Easter Seals Salmon Derby** sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Visitors Council. For info call 408) 684-2166

**Apr. 24 - 26**

**67th Annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition** at the Crocker Art Museum. For info call 264-5423.

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### MONDAYS

**Stop Smoking** drop-in, self-help program at the Lambda Center at 5:30 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Women's Rap & Social** at the Lambda Center, 7 - 9 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Men's Coming Out Group** at the Lambda Center from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Lesbian & Gay Town Council** meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the County Administration Bldg. 7th & H St. For info call 448-0422.

**Affirmation: United Methodists** for lesbian & gay concerns meets the 1st Monday of each month at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. For info call 489-2340.

**Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse** meets every other Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Melinda Facelli, MFCC (Intern) #IMF 15850. For location info call 783-0579.

**SAGA IV Roller Skating** Parties are the third Monday of each month from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. at King's Skate Country, Bradshaw & Hwy 50. For info call 635-1535.

### TUESDAYS

**Being Gay Today**, 10 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

**Heart to Heart** a mens discussion group at the AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St. from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For info call 448-2437.

**The Other Group**, a support group for heterosexual people with HIV, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., 1813 O St. #6. For info call 447-5316

**Gay & Lesbian Student Union** meets in Rm. A-7, Sac. City College at 12 noon. For more info call 381-7141.



25 saturday

**C.G.N.I.E.'s Coronation Ball** at Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street. \$20 per person. Coronation begins promptly at 7 p.m. For tickets call 444-0108.

**Time Tested Books** presents Sunday Reading Series '92, at 7:30 p.m., featuring Gene Black, Rebecca Moore and Michael Spring reading original works. For info call 447-5696.

**Sacramento Arbor Day Fair** at Plaza Park, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For info call 443-0791.

26 sunday

**1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon & Tournament** a fundraiser for GLAAD South Bay Division. Oakland Lanes, San Jose at 9:27 a.m. For info call 408) 235-0229.

29 wednesday

**Celebrate the Past...Challenge the Future**, 10th Anniversary of the Sacramento Chapter of P-FLAG, at Shot of Class from 6 - 10 p.m. \$30 per person. For info call 665-1050.

30 thursday

**The Capitol Steps**, a political satire group performs at 8 p.m. in Freeborn Hall, UC Davis. For tickets and info 757-3481.

# May

1 friday

**Couples National Network Inc.** celebrates 7th National Anniversary Convention & Celebration at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. For info call 818) 458-7657.

May 1 - 3

**Women's Weekend** at the Woods and Fifes in Guerneville on the Russian River.

May 1 - 3

Russian pianist **Mikhail Yanovitsky** performs at 8 p.m. in Freeborn Hall at UC Davis. For tickets and info call 757-3481.

2 saturday

**A Movement and Music Evening** to support Women with Cancer at Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 - \$100 sliding scale. For info call 510) 548-9272.

**A Day of Learning, Lunch and Fun** at Senior Citizens Center, 915 27th St. Workshops and demonstrations for Seniors. For reservations and info call 922-9161.

**SAGA IV**

**Racquetball Tournament** at the Midtown Athletic Club. For info and entry forms call 427-9584.

3 sunday

**3rd Annual Auction** to benefit Lambda Letters Project at the Townhouse, 3 p.m. Marcie Virago & Danny Williams will be the auctioneers. For more info call 965-6851.

**Cafe Lambda** gay/lesbian coffee house features select coffees, desserts and occasional entertainment from 8 p.m. - midnight at the Lambda Center. For info call 442-0185.

**SUNDAYS**

**Gay Families** a support group for gay men & lesbians with children and those considering parenthood. 4th Sunday of each month for info call 387-8862.

**Tea Dance at FACES** 3 - 7 p.m., barbeque at 5 p.m., country / western dancing begins 7 p.m.

9 saturday

**Raymond Feist** will be signing his new book, "Mistress of the Empire" at Beyond the Pale, 2029 J St. For info call 441-PALE.

10 sunday

**Mother's Day**

15 friday

**"A Wish Bestowing Ceremony by Candlelight"** a benefit concert featuring Himalayan bells and Tibetan music at the Neptune Society Columbarium in San Francisco. For info call 415) 474-0326. May 15 & 16

16 saturday

**Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade & Festival** Shoreline Aquatic Park Long Beach. For info call 310) 987-9191. May 16 & 17

17 sunday

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18 monday

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22 friday

**Sacramento Jazz Jubilee '92**, featuring Jazz bands from around the world. For tickets and info call 372-5277. May 22 - 25

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**Christian Community Fellowship** meets in the community meeting room at the Wreck Room at 731-7620 for info.

**Prosperity Class** at the Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2550 Valley Rd. Ste. #5 at 7 p.m. For info call 489-7503.

25 monday

**Memorial Day** (observed)

28 thursday

The Studio of Dramatic Arts presents: **Bell, Book & Candle**, a benefit for UC Davis AIDS Research, 7 p.m. at the Guild Theatre, 2830 35th St. For info call 339-0813. May 28 - June 13

# June

3 wednesday

**Death in Venice**, music by gay composer Benjamin Britten, 8 p.m. at Julia Morgan Theater, 2642 College Ave in Berkeley. For tickets and info call 510) 845-8542. June 3, 5 & 6

4 thursday

**Art From the Heart**: Works from the Sacramento Children's Home at the Crocker Art Museum. For info call 264-5423. June 4 - Aug. 9

5 friday

**"Summer Strings"** a concert to benefit The Holistic Approach to AIDS at Neptune Society Columbarium, San Francisco. For info call 415) 474-0326.

14 sunday

**Sacramento AIDS Walk** from the Capitol to McKinley Park. Call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-2437 for more information about registration.

20 saturday

**Lambda Freedom Fair** at McKinley Park. For info call Lambda Center at 442-0185.

21 sunday

**Father's Day**

27 saturday

**Christopher Street West, Los Angeles'** Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration in West Hollywood. For info call 310) 659-7200. June 27 & 28

**San Francisco Gay Pride Festival & Parade** June 27 & 28

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**Being Alive Living Room HIV+** support group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Center. Call 442-0185 for info.

**FRIDAYS**

**Women's Coming Out Group** at the Lambda Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more info call 442-0185.

**Country Western Dance** (lessons too) a. 7:30 p.m. in the activity center of River City MCC, 34th & Broadway. For info call 454-4726.



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## "Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll" Comes to Town

by Dave Rolke

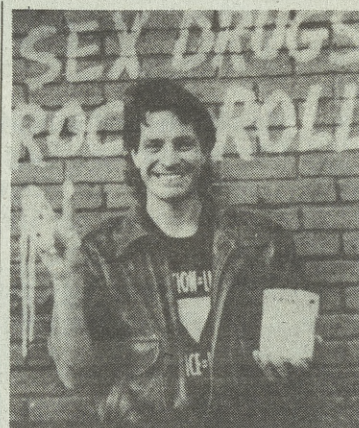
Since the 1960's, "Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll" has been the impassioned cry of an alienated generation which put itself in a chemical bath rather than living by the rules of the corrupt, warped and bigoted society.

Eric Bogosian's one-man play is a chronicle of survival, a sharply written series of vignettes of the best and the brightest who chose to turn away from a reality that was too harsh. Actor David Difrancesco's portrayal of these individuals, in March and April at the American Legion Hall,

brilliantly captured the humor, sadness, and ultimate futility of an excessive walk on the wild side.

No simplistic Nancy Reagan "Just say No" polemics, it is an honest portrayal of 1960's survivors, from the rock star to the angry homeless man, who expound on subjects from the arms race to AIDS.

David Difrancesco has an almost uncanny ability to transform himself into believable characters, from a Wall Street broker to a lonely phone sex customer, to a



David Difrancesco.

1970's type 'partied out dude.' This talent serves to increase

the intensity and sense of lost opportunity that permeates the show. Difrancesco is one of those rare actors who appears to undergo a physical metamorphosis with each role. Everything from posture to accent skillfully changes with each skit while the inherent humor stays intact, the sense of rage constant.

Produced by Miriam Grey's Acting Studio as a benefit for CARES and Hope House, there are plans to bring Difrancesco and "Sex Drugs, Rock & Roll" back to Sacramento in the next few months.

If you didn't catch the performance this time, don't space out on the next opportunity to experience a truly remarkable evening.

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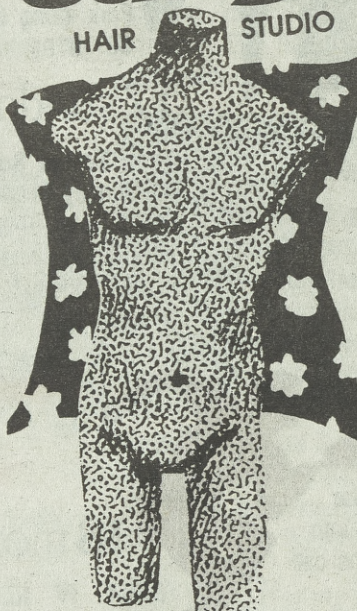
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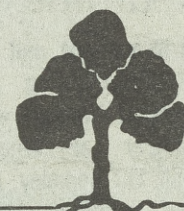
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# UCD Has Dance, Satire & Music

by Rosanna Herber

**A** legend in her time, dancer-choreographer Martha Graham died at the age of 96 this past April with a legacy of original movement technique and a monumental body of work.

Graham's ideas were considered revolutionary when introduced, yet today her technique is renown for building strength and artistic ability in dancers. Her ideas liberated dancers from the formal constraints of ballet and gave them freedom to incorporate physical dynamism and abstract beauty into their performances. Graham created more than 200 dances and choreographed 181 ballets in her long career. The March 17 performance at the Sacramento Community Center was a tribute to Graham who, 65 years ago, created the dance company which bears her name.

Graham would have been delighted with the exhibition her dance company gave. All five dances showcased the physical talents and acrobatic feats of the dancers. This was modern dance at its best, dance that used intensity, storytelling and satire plus themes of jealousy and the dark power of magic to engage the audience.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

UC Davis also will offer more enticing programs this April and May. If you enjoy poking fun at politicians, don't miss "Capitol Steps," a musical political satire about life in Washington D.C. on April 30 at Freeborn Hall in Davis. One unique spin on this show is that each performer is a present or former Congressional staff member.

"Capitol Steps" began at a Congressional office Christmas party in 1981. Since that time they have given more than 1,500 shows, produced nine albums and sung 400 different song parodies. Equally irreverent to Republicans and Democrats, "Capitol Steps" delivers contemporary musical spoofs that hit sensitive political nerves. Former President Ronald Reagan, after seeing the Capitol Steps for the first time, remarked "You're all under arrest." He

was teasing but the Sacramento show will undoubtedly have a new song about Congressional check-kiting as well as many other pointed lampoons.

On a more serious note, UC Davis also will present a musical premiere from noted



The "Capitol Steps" perform at UC Davis April 30.

composer Olly Wilson on Monday, May 11 at the Main Theatre in Davis. Wilson specifically created a work to be performed by the UC Davis Contemporary Music Players.

An African-American composer who studied traditional European classical composition in school, Wilson has found a way to successfully blend the musical influences from his childhood with traditional

schooling. "I put aside the African-American musical tradition I grew up with when I went to school," said Wilson. "It was only after I finished school that I realized I could blend the two traditions in a way that genuinely represented who I am."

Wilson, a prominent professor at University of California, Berkeley, is known for encouraging composers to transform their experiences into art. "Naturally, you have to have a certain amount of technique in a medium that's communicative," said Wilson.

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## PFLAG

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to parents, family and friends: gays and lesbians are encouraged to use PFLAG's support in helping family members understand.

"We have many gay and lesbian people who attend our meetings to 'test the water' if they're thinking of coming out to their parents. Gay people who are out and comfortable are also welcome. This gives our meetings a balance," says

Thompson.

The monthly support group is attended by 30 to 40 people, mostly parents. Like Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, attendance is confidential and only first names used.

The April 29th anniversary dinner is \$30, with advance reservations required. There will be a no host bar between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the local hotline at 665-1050.

## URIBE

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that changes are happening both locally and nationally. In Los Angeles 18 out of 50 high schools have gay and lesbian groups meeting at least once a week. Their district also got gay and lesbian affirmative books in their school libraries. New policies against student harassment have gone into effect, regarding physical violence against young gay teens. Project 10 finally got signs

posted on campuses with its name, the school logo, the words "gay outreach" and a phone number to contact. In Los Angeles there now is a formal Gay and Lesbian Education Commission, equal in power to the Black, Asian and Mexican American Commissions. Los Angeles now has an "Eagle Center" where drop-outs, HIV+ teens and young streetpeople can get their high school equivalency training. And for the first time ever, June will be officially proclaimed "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" in L.A.

the city of Sacramento are headed by unmarried couples or single adults.

Despite excitement in the gay community, the news that the mayor's office was looking into a family diversity ordinance was not well received by area churches. "At first there was a flurry of calls..." says Alice Pierce, Administrative Assistant to Mayor Rudin. "...but the calls have quieted down now." "Even though our personnel department has looked as this issue very closely and determined that there will be no extra costs involved, most people who have called say they don't want tax-payers' money to go for partners' benefits. People don't seem to be getting the message that there are no extra costs involved." And a few letters to local papers seems to be the current extent of the protest.

If approved by the City Council, families would pay a registration fee and once registered, could legally share property and finances, have hospital visitation rights and be protected against housing discrimination. Registered city employees could have benefits extended to their partners and have the costs taken out of their payroll checks.

## DOMESTIC

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Hollywood, Berkeley in 1984, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, Washington, D.C., New Orleans and Ann Arbor -- already have implemented domestic partners ordinances. Large companies such as Levi Strauss and Lotus also are giving benefits to same-sex couples.

The number of unmarried couples nationwide has gone to almost 3 million in 1990 from 1 million in 1970.

According to the 1990 Census data, about 58 percent of the 144,444 households in

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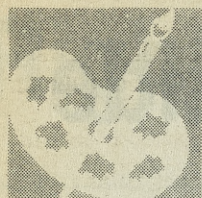
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# GALLERY GUIDE!

## Gallery Posada Moves Into Mansion

by D. Oldham

**A**s you enter the ornate doors at the new home of Gallery Posada, you are overcome by a mix of past and present.

The ethnic artwork is fresh and alive against the lavish antique American setting. This is definitely not the Crocker.

In a sweeping gesture of community support, the Wells Fargo Bank donated the million-dollar landmark Heilbron Mansion to Gallery Posada and La Raza Bookstore in January 1992. The new space opened with a well-attended fiesta and dedication March 8. With 8,000 square feet of space and plenty of free parking, this well-kept landmark is sure to become one of Sacramento's grand viewing spaces.

Founded in 1972 by a group of Chicano art students, Gallery Posada/La Raza has grown from humble beginnings on F Street, and a former location on 15th Street, to one of Northern California's most respected arts organizations. Relying on the rich heritage of Chicano and Native American artwork, the gallery represents a large portion of Sacramento's populace and serves as a learning center for the entire city. A non-profit organization, the gallery has withstood 20 years of change to become a strong Sacramento tradition. Gallery Posada and La Raza bookstore now own the building.

Designed by Nathan Goodwell, the architect who built



The new Galeria Posada is housed in the Heilbron Mansion at 7th and O Street in downtown Sacramento.

the Governor's Mansion, the Heilbron Mansion is a historical building. This past year, Wells Fargo acquired the man-

sion from Great American Bank and donated the building to a non-profit organization almost immediately. The idea

of donating the mansion to Gallery Posada was brought to Wells Fargo by Sacramento City Council Member and Mayoral candidate, Joe Serna. A friend to the gallery since inception, Councilman Serna secured the donation and cut the ribbon at the grand opening dedication.

The transition from bank to bookstore/gallery has been interesting. Ironically, the bank's large vault has become a storage area for paintings and the spacious former bank lobby now is La Raza bookstore. The special bookshelves and the southwestern furnishings are quite a contrast to the rich Victorian interior of the old mansion. The shelves and furnishings were specially built by Southwest Images, a downtown designer's show room. With the expansion, Gallery Posada/La Raza plans to rent space to other organizations to help

defray some of the costs.

Because the building has an elevator, the third floor gallery is wheel-chair accessible. April exhibitions include a show of prints titled "Reflective Connections" and work by traditional folk artist and Miwok basket maker, Jennifer Bates.

Stop by Gallery Posada and La Raza Bookstore's new home and get a peak at Sacramento's rich past -- and it's promising future!

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# "Hearts of Darkness" Show the Darkside

by Chris Narloch

In 1979 Francis Coppola released his personal vision of the Viet Nam War, "Apocalypse Now," a brilliant, bewildering epic. Twelve years later, Fax Bahr and George Hickenlooper released a documentary about that troubled production.

It's one of the best movies about film-making ever made. The original movie, a re-

working of Joseph Conrad's story "Heart of Darkness," concerns a captain, Martin

Sheen, on a mission to kill a colonel, Marlon Brando, who has gone mad in the jungles of Cambodia. The documentary shows that Coppola went a little crazy himself during the troubled shoot.

"Hearts of Darkness" utilizes amazing behind-the-scenes footage shot by Coppola's wife, Eleanor, as well as recordings she made -- sometimes without his knowledge -- during the making of "Apocalypse."

Without forcing the point, the documentary shows that Coppola got carried away with the power of movie-making in much the same way that the U.S. Government got carried away with the war.

Through cameras that rolled constantly, we get fascinating glimpses of a great director under intense pressure: Coppola's film was plagued by casting changes, drug abuse on the set, Sheen's heart attack -- even a typhoon. Riddled with self-doubt, he plunged forward trying to save a film whose budget had become as bloated as Brando.

While the making of "Apocalypse Now" unravels as it goes along, the documentary gets tighter and tighter as we



Hearts of Darkness - Francis and Eleanor Coppola.

witness Coppola's dream turn into nightmare. When the director reveals that he flirted with the idea of suicide in the

jungle, we realize that war is not the only hell. Making movies can be almost as insane. **\*\*\***

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# Right Said Fred and Chic Cash In

by Bill Peterson

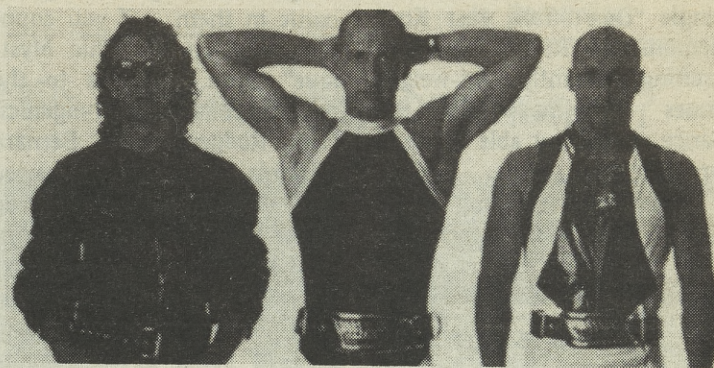
"I'm too sexy for my car/too sexy by far." Now, these are words I can relate to! Meet **Right Said Fred**, two shaved-head London fitness-trainer brothers, with their fuzzy-topped guitarist, on their debut disc "UP."

With a song as catchy and gimmicky as "I'm Too Sexy," it is easy to picture RSF as

being destined for One-Hit Wonderland but "UP" tends to predict a different future.

Rather than re-heating their first hit 10 times, the boys serve up enough variety and hooks to carry the album from open to close. Richard Fairbrass' resonant voice begins the CD in an overwrought Englebert-esque intro to "A Love for All Seasons," and proves that the lyrics in "I'm too Sexy" have some basis in truth. As that song,

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Right Said Fred.

## Sacramento Ms. Leather Struts Her Stuff in S.F.

by Mike Kelly

Sacramento's Ms. Leather, Carolina Byram, used the theme, "Hell on Wheels," as she vied with ten other contestants at San Francisco's Sixth International Ms. Leather title, March 21.

Entrants came from across the nation, Canada and Germany to compete for this most coveted of women's leather awards.

This year's winner was a San Franciscan who goes by the name of Blair. The winner is expected to spend the year fund-raising as well as coordinating and performing in leather events.

According to Kay Hallinger, the 1991 IMsL winner, along with the title goes an inordinate amount of personal sacrifice and a genuine dedication to fund-raising. She spent more than \$22,000 of her own money during her year, not to mention the 105 days off work in order to meet all the commitments. The fund-raising that went into this year's contest benefited the Women's Cancer Resource Center, since relatively few funds had been targeted to that need.

According to the judges, Byram succeeded admirably, being a first-time contestant at such a large, well-known contest. Three of the judges

mentioned to Byram that they were "happy to see a predominantly straight woman enter this contest, not disguised as a lesbian."

Byram's speech centered around her identification with

"pan-sexualism." She explained that her experiences in the Sacramento leather community have been rewarding because there has been no discrimination towards her as a straight woman. "No matter what kind of leather sexuality you're into," she said, "you will be accepted as a leather person." She hailed the Sacramento Leather Association for fostering that acceptance.

Byram also drew sharp contrast to the case of this year's first runner-up, Pam Meyer of Madison, Wisconsin,

who had been on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Unlike the positive experience of Byram, Meyer told the audience that her mother accused her of turning their other three daughters into lesbians.

Byram also noted that her black-taped nipples had become her trademark in Sacramento, but that it wasn't necessary in The City. With two quick jerks she ripped off the electrician's tape.

Byram's fantasy was somewhat controversial, as it centered on combating AIDS through safe sex. In her

fantasy, Byram and friend Jennifer watched women and men alike, couple after couple, needle-users and prostitutes, succumb to the AIDS-infecting agent played by Michael Coin. The two heroines finally brought safety to everyone by using rubber gloves, condoms and dental dams. "It got a good audience response," she admitted, "but it shocked many of them."

All the IMsL contestants, Byram, and the 1992 IMsL winner are in a \$29.95 video of the contest. Call (415) 861-0212 to order.

### Bare Chest Contest Picks Pin-Up

The March Bare Chest Contest, held for a packed crowd at the Wreck Room, named "Art" as the August pin-up for an upcoming calendar. If you want to get into the calendar, come to the Ninth Bare Chest Contest April 25.

Upcoming Sacramento leather events also include the third annual Sacramento Leather Daddy & Daddy's Boy Contest on April 18, Wes' Giant Fundraising Weekend of Friday Night Rock-N-Roll, Saturday Fantasy Night, and

Sunday Leather Auction on May 1, 2 & 3. Also the Bear Contest and the S&M bar demonstration on May 8 plus the Full Moon Contest and "PowerSurge" fundraiser by Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather on May 16, all to be held at the Wreck Room.

The International Mr. Leather (IML) Contest will be held in Chicago, May 23 - 25. Wes Patterson, the current Mr. Leather Sacramento, will represent SLA there. For more info contact Calvin or Steve at 447-3963.

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along with "Swan," "Those Simple Things" and the new single "Don't Talk, Just Kiss" demonstrate, RSF is capable of crafting pleasantly light-weight tunes ready-made for the dance re-mix but able to stand on their own merits.

Speaking of standing on its merits, *Chic* is still relying on their successful "Sound of the

Seventies" for their comeback "Chicism." They're expecting their name to carry them almost as much, with four songs featuring the group name in them -- if you count the inclusion of "Chic Mystique" twice. Thanks to the modern miracle of cryogenics, Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards have been thawed out of their 13-year deep freeze to refresh in our memories how fun those disco days were. To think that I would have suspected *Right Said Fred* of being greedy opportunists, when the truth is *Chic* has returned to these dance-crazed times to go for a big cash-in! The songwriting has improved -- check out the lyrics to M.M.F.T.C.F. "Make My Funk the Chic Funk," repeated 30-some times! But I'd suggest one of two options:

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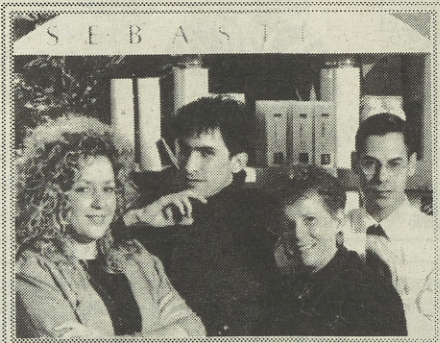
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Yes, CD singles can be a nutritious addition to your musical diet with some added surprises -- live songs, bonus tracks or even two hits, as on the *Clivilles & Cole* single "Pride (In the Name of Love)" which also features the dance-hit "A Deeper Love." (They're the C's in C+C Music Factory).

Some other CD singles worth the price include:

\* The KLF "Justified and Ancient" with the great new version featuring "The First Lady of Country Miss Tammy Wynette" as well as the original version from "The White Room" album.

\* Prince and the New Power Generation "Gett Off" packed with four versions of this song plus three intriguingly recon-

structed variations such as "Violet the Organ Grinder."

\* Pet Shop Boys "Was it Worth It" features three fine bonuses, the typically wry "Miserablism;" Just for the sake of it/ make sure you're always frowning/ it shows the world you have substance and depth," the club-targeted "Music For Boys (Part 3)" and an orchestral montage.

\* George Michael/Elton John "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" features two other remakes -- one by Stevie Wonder, one by Gladys Knight -- and a remix of "Freedom" which incorporates parts of "Soul II Soul's" hit "Back to Reality." Michael also has donated proceeds from this to several charities including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the United Negro College Fund.

\* U2's "One," another charitable release with royalties marked for AIDS research, this included a re-mix of "Night and Day" from "Red Hot and Blue" and a cover of Lou Reed's "Satellite of Love."

\* Finally, from the queen of

cash-in Madonna's "Justify My Love" CD single is packed with four radically different mixes, including one by William Orbit (of Bass-o-matic) and the very greasy Hip Hop mix, along with an updated version of "Express Yourself" by Mixer-Extraordinaire Shep Pettibone.

## U2 Broadcast Benefits AIDS

The April 17th concert by U2 at Arco Arena is set to be filmed and broadcast to the AIDS benefit show "Concert for Life" at London's Wembley Arena three days later. The concert, which will also feature Guns 'n Roses, is being staged in honor of Queen vocalist Freddie Mercury, who died recently. Tickets for U2's Sacramento stop on the "Zoo Tour" sold out in late March without advertising in just over an hour and a half. Highlights from the London benefit will air on the Fox Network.

## NEWSBITS

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### Gay in Uniform

The Police Commission will allow gay and lesbian police officers to wear their uniforms when they staff a booth at a gay pride event, a decision that avoids a repeat of last year's controversy.

The officers, all volunteers, will provide information about the department and try to improve relations between LAPD and gays and lesbians, said John Ferry, co-chair of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force.

Last year, police Chief Daryl F. Gates caused a stir by refusing to allow officers to wear uniforms at a recruitment booth at the festival. The chief eventually relented.

*The Weekly News*

### Judge Awards Ashes to Lover

A judge who gave custody of a man's ashes to his lover instead of to the dead man's mother said he could find no legal precedent to guide his decision.

Pinellas County Judge Walter Fullerton said his ruling was preliminary and could change when the case comes

up for a final hearing within a month.

The judge compared Michael Namm to a surviving spouse in awarding custody of the remains of Robert John Surprenant, 27, who died on Sept. 27.

*Equal Time*

## CAPPAC

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as lesbians and gay men. The Sacramento Men's Chorus and the Sacramento Women's Chorus will bring a note of harmony to the evening.

A large number of elected officials will be attending because they see the gay and lesbian vote as viable.

Since its founding in 1987, CAPPAC has raised more than \$100,000. The annual dinner raises more than \$10,000 to help elect gay supportive politicians.

CAPPAC was founded to make sure gay and lesbian issues are heard. "We need to raise money to bring gay and lesbian issues out to political leaders and candidates. This was the basis of the organization's founding," said Lou Camera, board member and one of the original founders.

Even though it started with several concerned citizens who all wrote checks, today the bi-partisan group has more than 400 people who donate money and a mailing list of 1,300 supporters.

The highclass affair begins

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intern with the Employment Law Center which is representing Hansen. "With this lawsuit, we intend to make the Sacramento Police Department obey the law."

Attorney Pat Shiu, who also is representing Hansen, likened the suit to other major civil rights battles.

"For Shawn Hansen, Sacramento is Selma, Alabama, and this is still 1960," said Shiu.

Hansen's lawsuit is one of a handful of sexual orientation discrimination cases brought against police departments nationwide. Civil rights attorneys view police departments as important targets of litigation because they often refuse to accept women and openly gay officers.

Through the lawsuit, Hansen hopes to be able to go back to the force but on a much-different basis.

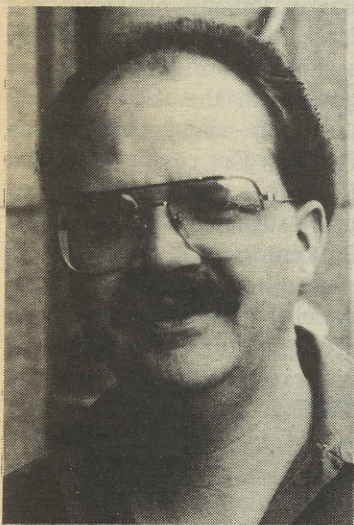
"I can't imagine doing anything else," said Hansen. "I have one overwhelming goal - to return to the Sacramento police force."



# street WHYS

by Karen Jay

## What do you see as the major issues of a domestic partnership ordinance?



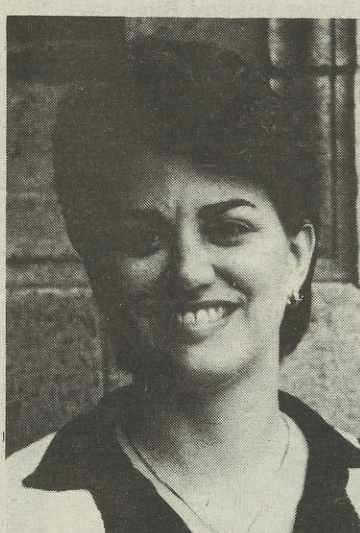
**Keith Johnson**

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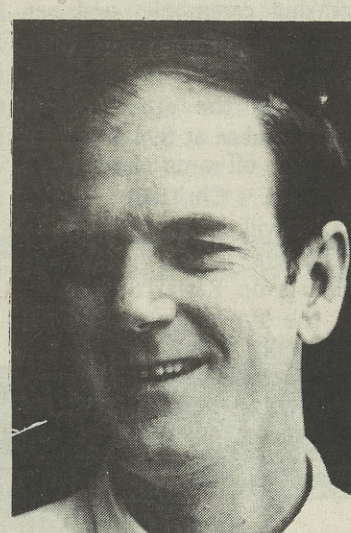
**Geni Cowan**

It's political. What we have to do is get the perception that legal acknowledgment of our rights is not a political threat. We need to not think of ourselves in this way too.



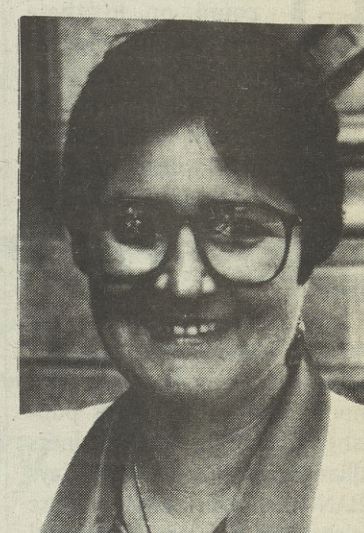
**Mary Smith**

Recognition of the commitment and responsibility between two people. Protection in a court of law regarding property and power of attorney. I would also like to see medical and dental benefits for city employees and other benefits that automatically accrue to married people.



**Michael Boyd**

Timing, coverage and cost. Proving that the cost is not excessive. Demonstrating that there is a definite need for the ordinance for both the gay and straight community and making certain that we represent a cohesive, well thought-out plan that we can be sure will be accepted.



**Donna Yutzy**

Partner registration, city employee partner benefits, tax credits for private companies within city limits who give domestic partner benefits. I see this as the first step to recognizing that the definition of family has changed in this country. It impacts all people in the community.

## VITALS

### HOLY UNION

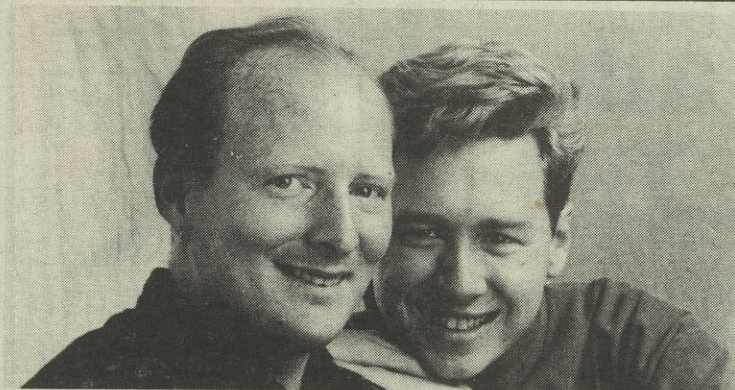
Jonathan Elliott Ball, 31, and Erich Michkel DeLand, 24, will be joined in a holy union ceremony at the Metropolitan Community Church Cathedral in Culver City, California.

The parents of both the men and their families are participating in the holy union.

Jonathan is a dressage trainer and owner of California Horsesport. Erich is a cosmology student at Yuba College. The couple currently lives in Davis with their foster daughter Allison.

Jonathan and Erich are active in the fight for civil rights for lesbians and gays and were volunteers for the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality during the push for AB101. They have also been members of Gay Families and Queer Nation.

Thier activism also includes trying to get mainstream publications to recognize gay relationships by printing the holy union announcement along with the picture.



**John Ball and Erich Michkel announced their holy union.**

The couple will be enjoying a honeymoon in Hawaii -- a wedding gift from the groom's parents.

### MICHELLE CLARK

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Michelle leaves behind her parents and brother and many friends who had the opportunity to share her life and her spirit for a while.

Michelle came from Sioux City, Iowa, where she regularly tunneled through mountainous snow drifts to bring beer to friends in danger of freezing. Eventually, she surrendered and made her way to California - following dreams and adventures, music and metaphysics, and people.

Death freed her from a

struggle that dominated the last few years of her life. Michelle worked with others, helping them to put away drugs and alcohol when the party wasn't a party any longer. In the end, though, we all battle our dragons alone. Michelle's dragons never stopped looking for the party.

Remembering will always remind us of the pain and loneliness inherent in surrendering to obsession, but hopefully, remembering will also allow us to see past the warning of her life to the good spirit that was Michelle. The summerland now echoes with her laughter.

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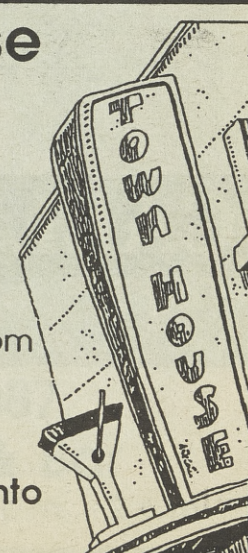
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# RUMOR HAS IT

One thing you can count on in these warm spring months is the reemergence of love. John Ball and Erich DeLand are a great example of a loving couple who is willing to make a life long commitment to one another. John and Erich will be joined in a holy union on April 25.

Lily Andrews and her life partner, Jeanine Perry are celebrating 4 years together this month and latest ISSUE publisher Kate Moore and Business Alliance of Networking Gays (BANG) co-chair Sara Myers are celebrating 6 years of marital bliss. Some love just keeps on growing!

The River City Democratic Club is now in the business of growing trees. The club has created a AIDS Memorial Grove at the highway 50/Bradshaw Road offramp (on your way to Capitalist Christian Center). Public officials Joe Serna and

Illa Collin attended the ground breaking ceremonies and personally planted some trees. If you're interested in dedicating a tree in the grove contact Tim Larrabee at 394-3114.

The off-ramp leading to Capitalist Christian Center (CCC) will likely be lined up with cars full of gay rights activists on Easter Sunday, to let the fundamentalist Chris-

tians know, as Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch says, "It's time to stop crucifying queers." The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, the "Bible Thumpers" and Queer Nation are all planning to attend the early morning traffic jam into the church parking lot. An open invitation has been issued for all to show up at the CCC at 8 a.m. with their bibles in hand.



Joe Serna and Illa Collin talk to RCDC's Michael Boyd.

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Another Lambda board member Leonard Harris is preparing to step down from his exalted title of Emperor XVIII on April 20 at Turn Verien Hall. You can be sure Patsy Cline herself, Empress Lady Garnet, will be lip-synching the night away as the procession of elaborately dressed royalty march up and down the runway. If you haven't been to a coronation -- you must -- but don't forget to call a cab when its over because cocktails are a requirement.

If you want to have a good time without cocktails there is a whole store full of fun stuff to play with. Beyond the Pale owner Ross Rojeck has been scanning the state for gay cartoon books and has just got them in. The store at 2029 J St. also specializes in books, and role playing games. Check it out.

Birthdays in the gossip this month include Stacy Selmants (getting older and funnier every day), David Switzer, (size-queen

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of the city) and of course, last but not least **Sana**. Sana is a non-stop party woman who can be found around 4 p.m. at the **Buffalo Club**. Don't forget to toast the birthday woman on **National Sana Day**, May 3. Birthday wishes to **Dale Zeitler** latest **ISSUE** cartoonist.

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**ing and Home Remodeling.** The special section is co-sponsored by the **Rainbow Real Estate Professionals** and is designed to answer the many questions surrounding the purchase of a new home or the repair and remodel of your existing home. A lot of new

businesses are participating in the insert, so if you use their services let them know where you saw their ad -- that's what allows us to keep publishing this fantastic paper!

Rumor has it **Dan Huffman** and **Brad Bauer** have returned from their **R.S.V.P. Cruise** with

stories of cities conquered by gay men. It seems the whole ship load infiltrated a straight bar on the beach and took it over. Ah, nothing like a vacation to revive one's sense of power.

On that note I'm off -- see ya next month!

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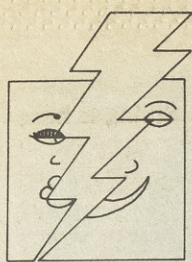
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# OFF THE EDGE

## Beware of the Spring Warning Signs

by Stacy Selmants

"April is the cruelest month," -- quoth either William Shakespeare or Truman Capote, (or maybe Jimmy Hoffa) but definitely some old guy, who by all reports, is sleeping with the fishes.

But the fact that we're "Bartlett's Quotations impaired" here at the office is a mere side issue. The reality is, it's spring, and many of us are still pasty white, wearing our winter pudgies. (This advent of warmth presents a tough seasonal choice: opening an IRA or liposuction?) Another cruel spring ritual is the annual breakup of many troubled relationships. For some of us, our 1991 Significant Others (past the social obligations of Valentine's Day, and in

the new hormone-inspired thrall of a cheap thrill) have left us to find the new Mr. or Ms. Adequate.

Yes, winter is over. And those Spring warning signs are upon us:

1. Those fab drag babes are again wearing pastel off-the-shoulder gowns and open toed shoes. We have learned to enjoy the seasonal costumes of those men who look like linebackers but instead want to be Madonna (provided they adhere to Debu-

He would like to produce methanol by feeding beans to the homeless.

tante Rules and avoid gold lame in the afternoon).

2. With the return of spring-time primary campaign fever, political candidates are clamoring to attend any lame social occasion where more than 17 registered voters are present ("District 11 Lingerie Twister/-

Baby Toss in the Target parking lot!").

Yes, the spring election year excitement is certainly building steam, especially in the mayoral race. We are whimsically considering endorsing that butch bounty hunter Leonard Padilla, who is currently incarcerated (a teensy tax problem). He vows that with his five day passes he'll be able to enter more votes than one of his competitors, Josh Pane, who was caught napping during a recent Council meeting. Then there's The Other White Boy, Ross Relles, who keeps distancing himself from the family florist business, because it's not MANLY enough. (Perhaps he should target the Republican butch lesbian vote.)

Council member Joe Serna has evolved from a passionate hothead into a credible can-

didate, but until he starts doing Elvis impersonations on the air like Bill Clinton did in New York, we can't make much fun of him. Luckily, there is some cartoon relief in the candidacy of "Yarrow" (his "herbal name") who, if elected, would rescue us all from the "police state" in which we live. Yarrow also announced at a candidate's forum that he would like to produce methanol to sell to SMUD, by feeding beans to the homeless. Their mass-produced flatulence would then be funnelled into a natural gas pipeline that would heat our homes and provide the energy to run our vibrators. The obvious problem with Yarrow's candidacy is that he's taken too many drugs and hasn't shared them with his proposed constituents.

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3. Politics aside, the most telling seasonal indicator is the sight of all the newly singled among us, wearing our tightest clothes and nervously stroking our pick up lines. (A HINT: furtively whispering "Guess your weight?" during Happy Hour will only provoke stares. However, purring, "So what do

you like for breakfast?" may definitely lead to appetizers.)

Our rooftop cabana in the heart of Lavender Heights has provided a strategic scoping spot for some of our newly single friends who, with loins aflame, amuse themselves by rating all our neighbors, as well as most pedestrian and auto traffic. We have had a terrible time redirecting friends' glances away from the comely blonde

## Use some discretion and don't chase the first stag with big antlers you see.

boy next door, even though he's a newlywed, AND a Jehovah's Witness.

"Give it up! He believes the

world is going to end next week!"

"I don't care. Armageddon may come, but we'll ALWAYS

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Yes, hormones are the most amazing things. Spring is here, the sap is running, and we wish you all happy hunting. But use some discretion and don't chase the first stag with big antlers that you see. And if you've been unlucky at love lately, calm down and take a big breath. (If nothing else, there's always softball!)



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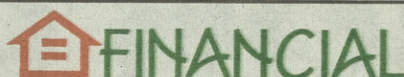
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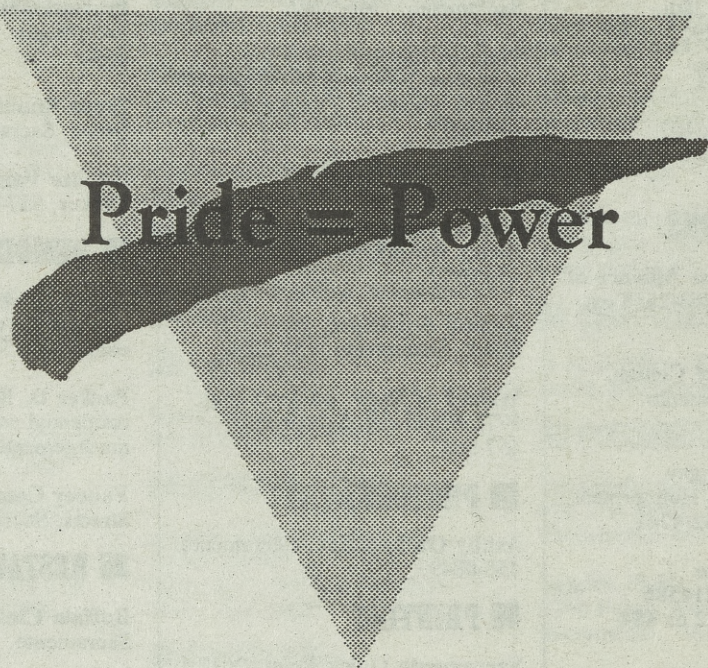
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